

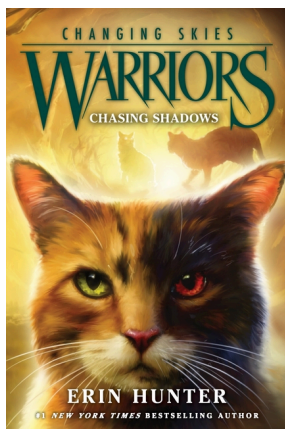


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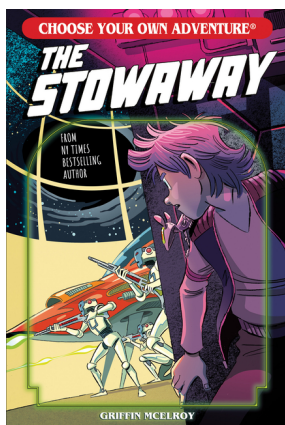
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#### *Warriors: Changing Skies #3: Chasing Shadows*

by Erin Hunter

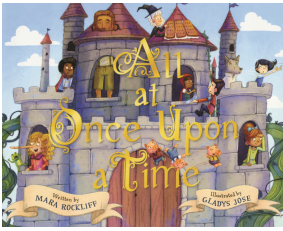
Erin Hunter's #1 bestselling Warriors series continues with the third book in the Changing Skies arc. Two cats--an elder and an apprentice--believe that only they can save the Clans from certain destruction. Moonpaw finally confesses to her Clanmates that her dead sister has been torturing her in her mind, and the Clan rallies around her in support. But as Moonpaw grows closer to Goldenpaw, her sister's threats become more ominous, and even turn bloody. Moonpaw worries she's a danger to her entire Clan. Would Thunderclan be better off without her? Tawnypelt is sure that the prophecy she received from Bluestar is a dire warning--and she believes that only the Elders can see the Clans through the oncoming danger. Frustrated with his mother, Tigerstar bans her from speaking of the prophecy, so Tawnypelt takes refuge in ThunderClan. She begins to wonder if her true place is in the Clan of her birth. Amidst all this, Starlingpaw grows bolder in his belief that he alone must save the Clans. But can an apprentice really hold the key to their salvation?



#### *The Stowaway*

by Griffin McElroy

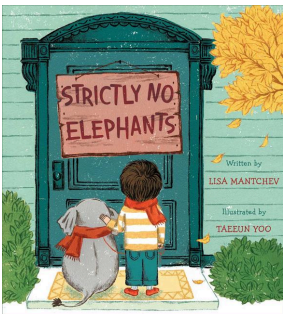
From Griffin McElroy, co-author of the New York Times bestselling graphic novel series The Adventure Zone, comes a laugh-out-loud science fiction thrill ride you won't be able to put down. Choose Your Own Adventure books--the 4th bestselling children's series of all time--are back and as much fun as you remember. Kids and adults agree, these are the books that get 9- to 12-year-olds reading. In the farthest reaches of a war-torn galaxy, a military transport cruiser barrels toward a supermassive black hole. The crew has vanished. The security drones have gone haywire. And the ship has flown light years off-course. It falls to a single passenger to decide the fate of this doomed voyage: A stowaway tucked into a pocket of the ship's hull. Unfortunately for the reader, YOU are that stowaway. It's your turn to sit at the table with your friendly neighborhood Game Master Griffin McElroy as he guides you down paths both hilarious and harrowing. Can you evade deadly robots, find the missing crew, and escape the ship before it reaches its final, fatal destination? Or will the Astral Order get you first?



## *All at Once Upon a Time*

by Mara Rockliff

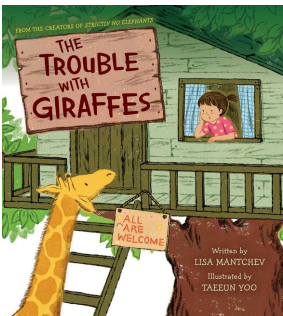
An unexpected and wholly original fractured fairy tale by award-winning author Mara Rockliff, with a hilarious visual narrative from illustrator Gladys Jose--All at Once Upon a Time is a fantastic picture book read-aloud that will have listeners giggling ever after Once upon a time (now, tell me if you've heard this one before) locked away up in a tower, lived a princess with the longest . . . NOSE? Fairy Tale Land has gotten a shake-up. All the stories are happening at once and . . . not exactly as they used to, once upon a time Climbing a beanstalk takes an unexpected twist, Little Red Riding Hood's basket is bursting with an unusual gift for an out-of-the-ordinary grandmother, and Rapunzel's nose grows longer every time she tells another whopping fib With a surprise on every page, readers will love trying to guess what happens next.



## *Strictly No Elephants*

by Lisa Mantchev

A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet.



## *The Trouble with Giraffes*

by Lisa Mantchev

A girl and her pet giraffe go to Pet Club, where all are welcome--



## *I Escaped the Grizzly Maze*

by Ellie Crowe

Cody battles grizzly bears and massive storms when he's trapped in Alaska's wilderness during a school project. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Chapter Books is an imprint of Spotlight, a division of ABDO.



### *Kitten Delivery (Just Like Home, Book Two): Volume 2*

by Erin Soderberg Downing

Seven purrfect companions are ready to take their next steps. A heartwarming and fun middle grade series from bestselling author Erin Soderberg Downing about a unique animal sanctuary, the full-time family who live there, and the rotating stable of animal guests who will learn what it really feels like to be loved and cared for. Siblings Ruby and Henry have an unusual kind of home life compared to their friends. Their family operates an animal sanctuary with a unique collection of full-time pet residents: a pig, a dog, the world's bossiest cat, two silly goats, and a llama who thinks he's a human. Not to mention, Ruby and Henry's mom is also a vet at the animal clinic in town. Let's just say, when it comes to animals, it's hard for Ruby and Henry's family to say no...especially when they stumble upon a litter of abandoned kittens on the side of the road. With seven new house guests with seven very different personalities, it's only fitting to name them after the seven dwarfs. The hard part is going to be finding good homes for each unique kitten. If anyone can do it, it's Ruby and Henry. But first, they're going to need to keep their new campers feeling safe and well taken care of while they grow big and strong enough to be adopted. And as it turns out, this will be harder than it seems...



### *Love Rolls in (Just Like Home, Book One): Volume 1*

by Erin Soderberg Downing

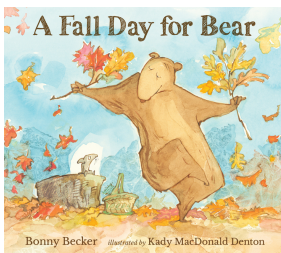
Healing begins with a tail wag. A heartwarming and fun middle grade series from bestselling author Erin Soderberg Downing about a unique animal sanctuary, the full-time family who live there, and the rotating stable of animal guests who will learn what it really feels like to be loved and cared for. Siblings Ruby and Henry have an unusual kind of home life compared to their friends. Their family operates an animal sanctuary with a unique collection of full-time pet residents: a pig, a dog, the world's bossiest cat, two silly goats, and a llama who thinks he's a human. Not to mention, Ruby and Henry's mom is also a vet at the animal clinic in town. Let's just say, when it comes to animals, it's hard for Ruby and Henry's family to say no. But a couple months ago, their parents decided that the farm is full. No additional resident farm animals. No more fosters. Of course, rules are meant to be broken...A scared puppy has just arrived at their mom's clinic, and he's lost mobility in his back legs because of an injury. What's worse is that the newly named Arlo clearly knows he's been abandoned. But with Ruby's builder brain, Henry's heart, and a little bit of kindness from their ragtag group of animals at the sanctuary, they might just be able to teach Arlo how to trust again.



## *I Escaped the California Camp Fire*

by Sd Brown

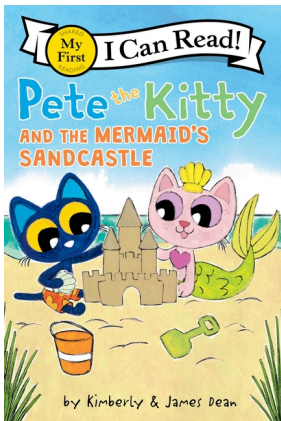
14-year-old Troy embarks on a harrowing journey to protect his kid sister during the catastrophic Camp Fire in Paradise, California. Initially thinking it's just a regular night, the terrifying truth hits home: their town is engulfed in flames. Worse, his parents are away, leaving him alone to babysit. Trapped, with the fire closing in, Troy faces a daunting challenge. He's just a teenager, way out of his depth, yet he knows he must act. Navigating the engulfing smoke and approaching flames, Troy races against time, leading his sister, dog, and cat to safety. With each step, the fire's heat intensifies, setting the stage for a breathtaking escape. On November 8, 2018, a wildfire engulfed the town of Paradise, California, marking a devastating chapter in American history. This story captures the resilience and courage of those who lived through this catastrophic event. --



## *A Fall Day for Bear*

by Bonny Becker

One fall day Bear is getting ready to have a picnic with Mouse. But when it's time to leave together, there is no tap, tap, tapping on Bear's front door. Where is Mouse, small and gray and bright-eyed? Bear sets out to meet him on the path, only to find his friend sitting alone on a stump, looking sad, lamenting the changes of the season--leaves falling, flowers dying, birds migrating. 'I don't like it when things go away,' Mouse says quietly. How can the curmudgeonly Bear cheer up his usually cheery friend?--



## *Pete the Kitty and the Mermaid's Sandcastle*

by James Dean

Pete the Kitty and his mermaid friend Jessie work together to build a sandcastle. But the castle is missing something. Will one shell, two barnacles, three strands of seaweed, and more gifts from the sea be enough to make their sandcastle the best it can be.--



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## *Digging Up a T. Rex*

by Sloane Hughes

Join paleontologist Zoe at the dig site for T. rex fossils. Explore what it takes for fossils to form, how researchers dig them up, and what they can teach us about this reptile from millions of years ago. An engaging mixture of photos and illustrations pairs with lively text to bring this high-interest topic to life. Let's go on a dino dig!

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